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SUBJECT: AMERICANS ARRESTED IN USSR ON HEROIN CHARGE

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1. CONSOFF CONTACTED K.N, APRAKSIN, CHAIRMAN, PRESIDUM OF MOSCOW COLLEGIUM OF LAWYERS, ON JULY 5, FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO FOLLOWING JUNE 30 ACCESS TO DETAINEES, SINCE COLLEGIUM HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN CITYWIDE CONFERENCE UNTIL THEN.

2. AS DEPT MAY BE AWARE, LAWYERS IN SOVIET CRIMINAL CASES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE CONTACT WITH CLIENTS UNTIL PRE-TRIAL INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED. APRAKSIN HAS SET JULY 9 AS DATE FOR CONSOFFS TO MEET WITH PROPOSED LAWYERS. ACCORDING TO APRAKSIN, NONE OF THE LAWYERS IN COLLEGIUM SPEAK ADEQUATE ENGLISH, ALTHOUGH EMBASSY MAKING THOROUGH CHECK OF THIS POINT.

3. DURING JUNE 30 ACCESS, CONSOFF WAS INFORMED THAT FURTHER VISITS TO PRISONERS COULD BE ARRANGED VIA USA DIVISION MFA ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS. CONSULAR VISIT HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR JULY EIGHT. IF DEPT HAS ANY MESSAGES TO BE RELAYED TO ANY OF PRISONERS, IT IS REQUESTED TO REPLY VIA IMMEDIATE BY COB JULY SEVEN, WASHINGTON TIME.
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